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## Mapping the future



Richard Trevino, base civil engineer, discusses features in the proposed plan for the park honoring Randolph heritage at the ground breaking ceremony Dec. 8. To read more about the park, see page 16. (Photo by Capt. Heather Kekic)

## Randolph news goes virtual

*Wingspread to get new look, new name in March*

By Gabriel Myers  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team Randolph began a new era in news consumption Thursday when the new base public Web site went live, becoming the primary news and information product of the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office.

Customers will no longer have to wait for the Wingspread to hit the stands on Friday, they will be able to read timely news and feature stories, with photos of Team Randolph members, almost immediately after it happens.

The change comes as a result of increased manning cuts and Air Force Smart Operations 21 initiatives.

A working group was chartered by Air Force Public Affairs to determine the best way to deliver Air Force news in view of personnel reductions.

The group determined each Air Force newspaper used around 40 man-hours per week in page design, layout and approval, making newspaper production a target for work savings. Eliminating the weekly product would allow a news staff to devote time in producing better news coverage.

The new Web sites will increase PA's ability to keep up with a 24-hour news cycle and better inform their local and global audiences.

Field offices are moving toward an online-only product, enabling news to be instantaneous while allowing people to view what's happening at their base, from other locations.

Col. Michelle Johnson, Director of Air Force Public Affairs, said, "A web-based information-delivery system provides a number of benefits such as posting news releases in real time, providing access to home-station news from deployed locations and using the same delivery system at home and while deployed."

The new Air Force Public Information Management System is formatted to look like AFLINK, but will have Randolph-specific items to keep the

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## Pharmacy renovations modernize facility

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

After two years of planning and just over a month of renovations, the 12th Medical Group pharmacy has taken on a new look with the final touches to take place this weekend.

The project, which came in four phases, modernized the pharmacy by providing some updated equipment and furniture, more space and a modern look.

"We're extremely excited about the results," said Capt. Heather Fenzl, 12th MDG pharmacist. "We were in desperate need of some changes to allow for the growing military population in San Antonio."

"We know it will be an adjustment to our patients, but if they can just bear with us, these physical and

process improvements will allow for better patient care," she said.

As part of the renovation project, the refill pharmacy work space was remodeled to allow for a larger counter and work space, gravity-fed bottle dispensers and more medication storage shelves.

The main pharmacy renovations included an expansion of the lobby by removing the counseling room and the addition of a fourth customer service window. Customers now have two in-processing and two out-processing windows, said the captain.

Patient privacy dividers were also installed between each window to allow for additional privacy for patients when they check-in or check-out, she said.

Internally, all of the old shelving was replaced and more storage added, gravity fed bottle dispensers were

installed, and the work center was reorganized to allow for a better work flow for the staff, said Captain Fenzl.

"The new work center design allows more prescriptions to be processed with the same speed and accuracy as prior," said the captain. "The gravity fed bottle dispensers also increase efficiency and the slanted shelves allow for more storage space for all of our fast movers (common medications)."

The pharmacy will also incorporate a check-in system in January, called the QMatic, similar to those in the military personnel and finance customer service area in Building 399.

"The QMatic will bring our pharmacy in-line with the other San Antonio military facilities," said Tech.

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As of Monday, 176 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.



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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark  
12th Flying Training Wing commander



Retiree questions restrictions at dining facility

I am a retiree and when I tried to eat at the dining facility I was told I was not authorized even though I am retired military.

Thank you for calling the action line with your concern and I apologize for your inconvenience. Restricting retirees from dining in the dining facility is a command-wide policy that was implemented July 1, 2006, as directed in the Air Education and Training Command supplement to Air Force Instruction 34-239. The AETC instruction restricts retirees from using dining facilities throughout the command, not just Randolph. The change is a

cost-saving measure that saved the command close to \$2 million. Services officials also stated use of the dining facility is not a retiree benefit, but more of a privilege based on capability and availability of funds.

As the wing commander, I am authorized to grant retirees and family members with valid ID cards permission to dine in the dining facility during special programs such as: Retiree Appreciation Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Air Force Birthday.

While retirees are not authorized to dine at the facility as frequently as in the past, I am happy I can authorize this privilege on occasion and I hope all retirees can take advantage of these opportunities throughout the year. The holiday hours at the dining facility are Dec. 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

Holidays for caring, sharing, gratitude

By Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Giorgi  
12th Flying Training Wing  
Protestant Chaplain

December is a special time of the year for young and old alike. For most children it is the anticipation of gifts for Hanukkah and Christmas, and for those older, a time to get together and celebrate God’s provision.

This can also be a time of great despair for those separated from their families and overwhelmed by life. However, a token of love can change a life forever.

Allow me to illustrate this in the following, adapted from an account found in *Streams in the Desert*, by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman.

I am reminded of a tale of a father and his son during the Civil War. Charlie, the only son of a banker, enlisted in the Union Army. It was heartbreaking for the father to see his son leave for war. The father, being touched by his son’s sacrifice, took every opportunity to reach out to care for other soldiers even at the expense of his business. Unfortunately, his act of charity offended those close to him, and he was encouraged to cease spending so much time and money on the soldiers.

One day the father was approached by an injured solder. Perceiving that he was in need, the banker told him, “My dear fellow, I cannot do anything for you today. I am extremely busy. You

*“May this be a season of peace, and may the words of that angel Gabriel when he announced the Savior’s birth be received by each and everyone of us: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14). ”*



will have to go to your headquarters; the officers there will look after you.”

The young soldier, not cognizant of the remark, fumbled in his pocket until he pulled out a soiled note for the banker. On it was written, “Dear Father: This is one of my comrades who was wounded in the last fight, and has been in the hospital. Please receive him as myself. – Charlie.”

The story concludes with the father’s surrender to the need of the wounded warrior. He brought him home where he enjoyed Charlie’s room and a place at the table.

Many of us are Charlie’s comrade. We walk around bearing the scars of life and circumstances until someone takes us in, shows us love, and nurses us back to health. In this story we see many parallels that remind us of love – God’s way.

This holiday season, let us remember to care for one another, both near and far and renew and strengthen family relations. People and freedom are what we enjoy, and fight for. Continue to pray for and encourage one another as well as for our warriors fighting for freedom. You never know what impact a simple act of kindness will have on another. A little love and kindness can turn an enemy into your best friend.

May this be a season of peace, and may the words of that angel Gabriel when he announced the Savior’s birth be received by each and everyone of us: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14).

As we continue to focus on God and those around us, giving thanks and praise for our many blessings, then this will truly be a holiday to remember.

Preparation key to successful deployment

By Maj. Dave Dutcher  
18th Logistics Readiness Squadron

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN) – Whether at home or deployed, Airmen from every squadron continue to excel.

Are you ready for deployment?

You’ve got your desert combat uniforms and are awaiting your orders, but are you truly ready? Probably not. To truly be ready you need to take care of three things:

1. Prepare yourself to deploy: Read the reporting instructions for your deployment area. Know what bags you need to deploy with and which ones will be pre-positioned and awaiting pick-up when you arrive in the AOR.
- Know which weapon you are required to deploy with. Some of you may deploy with more than one. Are you scheduled to attend Expeditionary Combat Skills Training (ECST)? Have you accomplished your physical health assessment, dental examination, combat arms training and maintenance, completed on-line courses such as law of armed conflict and Anti-Terrorism Level I training?
- Make sure you accomplish each of these actions now.
2. Prepare your squadron for your deployment: Every one of you is a valuable member of your squadron and will be missed. The hole left by your deployment can result in mission degradation in your flight if you haven’t prepared

those around you for your impending deployment.

Are you responsible for a report that no one else does? Train a replacement! Are you sponsoring someone in and now need a replacement? Make sure your supervision knows. Have you completed all your mandatory training such as your fitness test and chemical warfare defense ensemble?

If not, accomplish these before you leave. Finally, when you get downrange immediately contact your squadron. Give them a good e-mail address and let them know what they can do for you. And send pictures. Nothing is better than bragging about your home station.

3. Prepare your family for your deployment: Have you updated your will? Do you need a power of attorney accomplished before you leave? Is your SGLI current/accurate? Do you have a friend or neighbor to help out your dependents while you’re gone?

And finally, make sure that you have the family deployment seminar circled on your calendar. Bring your family to this important seminar so that both you and they can best prepare for your absence.

Now is the time to make sure you properly prepare for deployment. Ensure that you, your family and your squadron are ready. Stay safe, stay in contact and keep in mind your home station looks forward to welcoming you back home upon your return!

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Articles may also be sent by e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil or by fax at 652-5412.

For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.



# The GTC and you – Don’t let bad things happen

A cardholder with 20 years of service used the Government Travel Card when not in TDY status for unauthorized charges. Result: Article 15, reduction in grade and forced to retire shortly thereafter. Unauthorized purchases are not the only form of GTC misuse; payment delinquency is just as common.

The commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. William R. Looney III, has a goal to break the negative trend of higher GTC payment delinquencies during the holiday months.

The key to breaking the trend is simple – pay your GTC bill when it is due, and ensure it is only used for authorized charges. The GTC may only be used while in a TDY status, and only for travel related expenses; for example, airfare, rental vehicles, lodging and meals.

All charges must be split-disbursed through the travel voucher and paid by the due date on the billing

statement from Bank of America. If charges exceed 60 days, they become delinquent. By following these simple guidelines, Airmen can avoid disciplinary actions and focus on enjoying the holidays instead of scenarios like these:

**Scenario #1:** A cardholder failed to pay the GTC bill for 120 days. Result: Article 15, Bank of America began salary offset at 15 percent of monthly pay and delinquency reported to credit bureaus.

**Scenario #2:** A cardholder abused/misused the GTC in the local area. Result: GTC account immediately closed and his unit suspended him from duty for three days without pay.

As a result of the conscientious effort of AETC personnel, the command routinely has the lowest delinquencies of all major commands. Leadership and responsible Airmen within AETC are the driving factors, ensuring proper use of the card. In addition,

the commitment and professionalism of the base and unit GTC Agency Program Coordinators contribute to the success of the program.

At every AETC base, GTC statistics are briefed at least monthly to wing leadership, some even weekly. Many APCs begin contacting Airmen with outstanding charges and their commanders at the 30-day point to help ensure they do not end up at 60 days and delinquent.

The GTC and the holiday season aren’t something you would normally think go together, but to continue AETC’s successful record, they have to. It’s relatively simple to avoid trouble with your GTC, use it properly and pay the bill on time. With continued conscientious effort, AETC can break the “holiday spike.”

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

## All I Want for Christmas



Kayli Colo  
age 4

“A Thomas Train that talks and teaches words and letters.”



Cierra White  
age 4

“A Barbie Princess because I collect Barbies and she has cool shoes.”



Yakira Johnson  
age 3

“A white pillow with three princesses on it. It has pink on it and that’s my favorite color.”



Levi Ferguson  
age 4

“Blue and red Hot Wheels, because they’re cool.”



### Military Working Dog Bak

Unit: 12th Security Forces Squadron  
Duty Title: Military Working Dog  
Hometown: Budel, Netherlands  
Hobbies: I enjoy playing tug of war with my handler, Staff Sgt. Nathan Combs, using my favorite puppy tug. I like to run after my ball and do laps around the kennels while my handler chases me. But most of all I enjoy eating.  
Goals: To keep my fellow United States servicemembers safe from the bad guys. To educate the boys and girls about the neat things my handler and I do to keep Randolph Air Force Base drug free and safe.  
Greatest Accomplishments: Graduating K-9 Boot Camp in October 2004. Most recently, in the last three months, my handler and I conducted over 200 security checks and random vehicle inspections. We conducted foot patrols around various key facilities looking for suspicious activity. We also provided our neighbors at Fort Sam Houston with support and helped ensure the health and welfare of the base populace.  
Personal Inspiration: My fellow servicemembers and “War Dogs” who are deployed.  
Personal Motto: “Sniff hard, bite hard and eat hard.”  
Pet Peeve: Bad Texas Barbecue  
Supervisor’s Comments: “Military Working Dog Bak has a great personality and attitude that is contagious. The unique combination of his breeding, Belgium



**Military Working Dog, Bak, runs through a tube as part of his training Wednesday at the 12th Security Forces Squadron MWD kennels. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)**

Malinois and Labrador Retriever, gives him very distinct social characteristics. He can be very friendly when interacting with the public and “take care of business” to protect his handler when needed. His ability to sniff out illegal narcotics puts him at the top of all the detection dogs assigned to the 12th SFS MWD section. All in all, Bak is an outstanding Ambassador for the entire Department of Defense MWD program and Randolph Air Force Base.”

Tech. Sgt. Antonio Rodriguez  
2th SFS MWD section kennel master

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at [elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil).

## Pharmacy

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Sgt. Scott LaCross, pharmacy technician. “QMatic will allow patients to be categorized based upon a needs assessment; severity of care, the mission of the Department of Defense, and the various types of prescriptions presented by patients”

In an effort to improve customer service, the pharmacy will also include a prescription drop box beginning in January, so patients won’t have to wait in line for maintenance medications such as those for cholesterol and blood pressure.

Captain Fenzl added that customers are encouraged to use the drop-box for civilian maintenance medication prescriptions between noon and 1 p.m. or after 4 p.m.

“This is a patient safety service,” explained the

captain. “After compiling a year’s worth of error data, we determined this policy will enhance patient safety.”

The captain said the renovations are a definite step in the right direction of improving pharmaceutical services for Randolph.

“We are confident these changes will improve patient access and our efficiency and allow for better services with our customers.”

For patient concerns or questions, customers can fill out a comment card or call 652-4127.





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Tech. Sgt. Tia Fish, a client support administrator and NCOIC of the commander's support staff, performs maintenance on a computer. Computer system maintenance in deployed locations such as Sergeant Fish's can be challenging due to the dusty conditions. Sergeant Fish is deployed from the 19th Air Force Initial Flight Screening office. (Courtesy photo)

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Community Relations would like to recognize the following Team Randolph members who contributed to the base tour and judge programs:

Judges for December

Maj. Lea Devine  
Tech. Sgt. Autry Fontenot  
Staff Sgt. Haydee Gonzales  
Johnny Weissmuller

Tours for December

Capt. Deric Prescott  
Capt. Shane Oler  
Master Sgt. Jeff Womack  
Joseph Harrison  
Adrian Huddleston

Without the help of these volunteers, the community relations programs would not be successful.

NEWS BRIEFS

Retirees

Congratulations to the following retirees:

- Wednesday: Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hepner, AETC
- Today: Master Sgt. Sandra Thompson, AFPC
- Jan. 3: Pamela Smith and Martha Cantu, AFPC, Anita Weeper, AETC, and Christine Harvey, AFOMS
- Jan. 4: Lt. Col. Brett Mayhew, AETC and Maj. Mary Ambrose, AFPC
- Jan. 5: Lt. Col. Mark Cobin, Senior Master Sgt. Regina Alfonso and William Willis, AETC, and Master Sgt. Walter Surgnier, AFPC.

Thrift shop closure

The base thrift shop is closed for the holidays and will reopen Jan. 5.

SACTAI meeting

The San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club Tradition Room.

The meeting is open to all interested. For more information, visit [www.sactai.com](http://www.sactai.com)

Award submissions due

The Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting nominations for the 2006 annual awards. Deadline for submission is Jan. 10. The awards for individual and team accomplishments will be presented Feb. 13.

MLK breakfast

The annual breakfast honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. is Jan. 12 at 7:15 a.m. at the Enlisted Club.

# 61 captains selected for promotion

The following Randolph captains were recently selected for promotion to major:

12th Medical Group

Torre Donaldson  
Terri Fisher  
Thomas Massa  
Denis Nolan

12th Mission Support Group

Sarah Cantrell

12th Operations Group

Daniel Barrows  
Byron Calhoun  
Dion Carrieri  
Jeremy Carter  
Kevin Coleman  
William Cook

Danny Dekinder  
Bradley Ertmer  
Christopher Forrest  
Michelle Gillaspie  
Kyle Goldstein  
Todd Grant  
Dan Haman  
Chris Kaufman  
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19th Air Force  
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Jason Renter  
Air Education and Training Command  
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Jeffrey Donato  
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Lawrence Noel Jr.  
Christopher Otis  
Martin Pantaze  
Lance Waddy  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Cheryl Deloughery  
Jason Garrison  
Adam Lenfestey

Ernest Mata  
Sharon Nickelberry  
Beth Peters  
Daphne Rakestraw  
William Roberts  
Madelaine Sumera  
Air Force Recruiting Service  
Zenon Bochnak  
Jonathan Ness  
Air Force Services Agency  
Willie Rudd Jr.  
Air Force Element Joint Flying Training  
Robert Bosworth  
Jay Sandusky  
Travis Shoemaker  
Daryl Smith  
Craig Wong

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base, local area and global audiences informed on what's happening at Randolph. The new Web site's address is [www.randolph.af.mil](http://www.randolph.af.mil).

"PA will continue to write stories and take pictures of Team Randolph people and events. However, instead of spending large amounts of time on the hard-copy newspaper's layout and design, we can spend our efforts on distributing Randolph's news faster and to a wider audience," said Capt. Heather Kekic, Public Affairs chief.

A new print product, with a different name, will take the place of the Wingspread. The product will contain Randolph specific news and will be published weekly by Prime Time Newspapers LLC, the current publisher of the Wingspread. Customers can expect the change in March of 2007.

Because the new publication will not be an Air Force product, the 12th FTW PA will not retain editorial responsibility for its content.

"This is an exciting time for PA," the captain said. "We have an excellent relationship with our local publisher who will continue to create the quality product we have all come to expect and enjoy."

The new publication will contain stories and photos produced by the 12th FTW PA and pulled from the new Web site, as well as Air Education and Training Command news service and AFLINK. Prime Time will have complete autonomy of the product, giving them the final decision on the content included each week.

Tom Stephenson, Prime Time President and Publisher said, "Prime Time has enjoyed a long relationship with Randolph and we are looking forward to continuing that relationship for many years to come. I believe we can continue to provide our readers at Randolph a product that satisfies their news and information needs and provides entertainment along the way".

### HISTORY QUIZ QUESTION



In 1938, Robert Crawford won a contest sponsored by Liberty magazine to compose a song for the Air Corps. Informally known as the "Air Force Song" (the official title is "The U.S. Air Force"), it was originally titled something else.

What was Crawford's original title?

- A. The Air Corps Song
  - B. What Do You Think Of The Air Corps Now
  - C. Nothing'll Stop The Air Corps Now
  - D. The Army Air Corps
- (see page 6 for the answer)



# New IFS facility opens doors to increased training

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond  
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PUEBLO, Colo. – On a clear, crisp southern Colorado afternoon, throngs of visitors filed through the front doors of the enormous, immaculate building to see the results of more than six months of renovation work come to completion.

But above the buffed tiles and new carpeting on the floor and beyond the brand new gym, dining facility, and 195 new student lodging rooms, the visitors were actually seeing something more important: the gateway to flying training, now and into the future.

Friday afternoon, Maj. Gen. Irv Halter, 19th Air Force commander, joined executives from contractor Doss Aviation, Inc. and leaders from the Pueblo community in dedicating and officially opening the newly renovated 200,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the Pueblo Memorial Airport.

The facility, which has been likened to a “mini-Air Force Base” because of its setup and amenities, will be the site from which the Air Force will conduct flight screening operations to better prepare potential flyers for the rigor of military aviation. It will also identify those not suited for flight duty, which better ensures seats in Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training are available to those with aptitude to complete the training.

Air Force officials at Randolph AFB, Texas announced in May that Doss Aviation, Inc. had been awarded the 10-year, \$178 million contract to provide a turn-key operation providing all services, facilities, and equipment to deliver flight screening to future Air Force aviators. In addition to the new facility, Doss Aviation provides all aircraft, maintenance, flight instructors, fire/crash/rescue support, student transportation, office and lodging space, and installation security.

The Air Force provides a contingent of members to oversee the students and provide military training, supervision, and rigor to the course. Detachment 1 of the 306th Flying Training Group, based at the Air Force Academy, is the unit responsible for this role.

“The IFS program was designed to screen for aviation aptitude but also provide the military rigor and camaraderie missing in some general aviation programs,” said Lt. Col. John Tomjack, Det. 1 commander. “IFS graduates will arrive at their Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training assignments better prepared to successfully complete the program.”



**Second Lt. John Herd completes a post-flight inspection of the Diamond DA-20 trainer aircraft after finishing his final solo flight in the Initial Flight Screening program at Pueblo, Colo., Thursday. Lieutenant Herd is one of 16 members in the second IFS class to graduate the new program. Eventually, plans call for up to 1,700 students per year to attend IFS at the new facility, which opened officially Friday. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond)**

According to current students in the program’s second class, the course is meeting that goal.

“I feel like I’ll go to SUPT with an advantage compared to peers who did not attend IFS,” said 2nd Lt. John Herd. The 2006 Air Force Academy graduate worked in the 436th Operation Support Squadron scheduling office briefly before attending IFS this fall.

“For instance, we learned to do stand ups and formal briefs, plus how to go through emergency procedures,” Lieutenant Herd said. “The mission prep is intense, and the speed at which we have to prepare for academic and flying tests probably makes us more ready to function in an SUPT environment.”

When IFS ramps up to full scale operations during the next 15-18 months, it will be the sole source of flight screening for all Reserve Officer Training Corps and Officer Training School aviation candidates – including pilots, navigators and combat systems officers.

When the next class arrives at the new facility to begin class, the students, like the visitors Friday, will likely first be amazed at the quality and expanse of the facility provided. But by the time they leave, several short weeks later, they may be more impressed by understanding the meaning of General Halter’s opening remark that “all big journeys start with a single step.”

# Safe travel offers road map to safe arrival

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

With the holiday season upon us, more and more motorists are taking to the road venturing to shopping malls for the perfect gifts and traveling long distances to visit family and friends.

But as the number of people on the road increases, so does the number of traffic accidents.

For this reason, the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office encourages motorists to be extra careful while traveling this holiday season and to keep some important suggestions in mind when out on the roads.

“People need to remember they are carrying the most precious cargo of all with them in the car – their family,” said Linda Howlett of the 12th FTW safety office. “That’s why it’s so important to make smart choices such as obeying the speed limits, taking rest breaks, and so on.”

According to the American Society of Travel Agents, the first step to ensure a smooth car ride is to keep your vehicle in good working condition.



**Before traveling long distances, motorists should have a qualified mechanic check all of their vehicle’s vitals**

This includes the brakes, battery, fluid levels, tire pressure, light bulbs and other parts that require regular maintenance.

***It is also important for motorists to have emergency equipment with them***

With the low winter temperatures, certain items could prove vital if stranded on the side of the road, according to the Travel Sense Web site. These items include a first-aid kit, flashlight, blankets, fresh water and snacks, flares and jumper cables. An ice scraper could also prove to be helpful in the colder temperatures.

The next important step to a road trip is planning, said Ms. Howlett.

“People make poor choices when they’re pressed for time,” she said.

***“That’s why it’s very important to plan your itinerary; building in frequent rest breaks and making sure you have enough time to safely reach your destination.”***

The ASTA suggests drivers take an extra day off and avoid traveling the two days leading up to and after Christmas, as the roads are even more congested those days.

It is also important for drivers to

***get plenty of rest***

second driver to alternate with in case one gets drowsy, said ASTA.

***To help combat drowsiness, the Travel Sense Web site also suggests those traveling with families sing songs or play games to help pass the time.***

With the roads so congested during the holiday season, the ASTA asks drivers to have more patience than usual and be weary of road rage. Motorists should work with fellow drivers by using their signals during lane changes and turns and give other drivers plenty of room, said ASTA officials.

The ASTA suggests there be a car length’s distance between vehicles for every 10 miles per hour the vehicles are traveling to allow enough distance for sudden breaking.

***Finally, the ASTA suggests travelers not leave valuables in their vehicles unattended and place holiday packages in their trunks to make their property less appealing to robbers.***



For more holiday traveling tips and information, contact the 12th FTW safety office at 652-1842.



# Community supports Team Randolph through award program

By Megan Orton  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

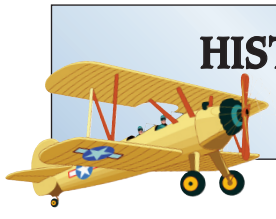
Each quarter, businesses and organizations from Randolph’s surrounding community offer tremendous support and donations to the base’s Team Randolph Quarterly Award winners. These supporters want to be more involved with Randolph and its Airmen and they give abundantly and often to the award program. “Community partnerships like these are fantastic for our Airmen,” said Chief Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing Command Chief. “In addition to receiving recognition at base-wide award ceremonies, our community supporters also host events in their honor and provide them gifts in recognition of their achievement.” The supporters are invited each quarter to attend the Team Randolph Quarterly Awards ceremony, which highlights outstanding performers who have reached base-level award nomination after competing at the squadron, group, and wing or agency levels. Team Randolph winners are chosen in nine different categories including Airman, non-commissioned officer, senior non-commissioned officer, company grade officer, Honor Guard Airman, Honor Guard NCO, and three civilian categories. The longest-standing Team Randolph supporter is the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, who has been supporting the award program since 1968. The New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce holds an

*“I was very honored to be recognized by the chamber for Airman of the Quarter! The ceremony speaks volumes about the New Braunfels community and their continued support of Randolph.”*

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Booth  
Airman of the Quarter for the Third Quarter

exclusive reception each quarter to honor the winner of the Airman category. At this reception, the Airman of the Quarter receives countless prizes, gift certificates and vacation packages, to include an official “Key to the City of New Braunfels,” presented by the New Braunfels Mayor. This year’s Airman of the Quarter winner, for the third quarter, was Airman 1st Class Jennifer Booth who received cash gifts, two overnight accommodations to local bed and breakfasts, theater tickets, breakfast, lunch and dinner-for-two coupons, a Guadalupe River Raft Trip, gift bags, and Wurstfest tickets for next year’s festival. “I was very honored to be recognized by the chamber for Airman of the Quarter!” Airman Booth said. “The ceremony speaks volumes about the New Braunfels community and their continued support of


Randolph. Everyone I met showed so much interest in our military. It really shows that the Chamber is 100 percent, wholeheartedly dedicated to honoring Airmen at Randolph.” Two of the other chambers also hold events following the Team Randolph Quarterly Award Ceremony to recognize winners individually. The Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce invites the Honor Guard Airman and NCO of the Quarter to a recognition mixer, and the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce recognizes the NCO of the Quarter at a monthly luncheon. Other quarterly supporters include First Command Financial Planning, the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1075, Randolph Chiefs’ Group, Taj Mahal NCOA, KB Home, AAFES, GEICO Insurance Company, Eisenhower National Bank, Randolph-Brooks FCU, Enlisted Wives’ Club, Officers’ Wives’ Club, EG&G Management Services and the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce. New Team Randolph supporters this year include Military Installment Loan and Educational Services and a local CiCi’s Pizza. Each of these supporters provide gifts to the Team Randolph annual award winners, along with USAA. “Randolph is fortunate to have a community that is so supportive of our Airmen and the work they do every day to help complete our mission,” said Col. Richard M. Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing Commander. “These organizations have done a great deal to help us recognize Team Randolph and for that, we thank them.”



### HISTORY QUIZ ANSWER

### B. What Do You Think Of The Air Corps Now

Crawford changed his original title “What Do You Think of the Air Corps Now” to “Nothing’ll Stop The Air Corps Now” when he entered the song in the contest. A committee of Air Force wives selected Crawford’s song from 757 entries – to include one from Irving Berlin. The title changed again when it was published in 1939, this time to “The Army Air Corps.” The song was officially introduced, and sung by Crawford himself, at the Cleveland Air Races on 2 Sep 1939.



Composer  
Robert Crawford

# Cleanliness, proper storage keep foodborne illness away

By the Randolph Public Health office

It’s that time of year to have your family and friends over for a special holiday meal. However, it is also the time of year that people contract foodborne illnesses from improperly prepared food. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 76 million people contract foodborne illnesses each year, 300,000 of which are hospitalized. Bacteria can grow rapidly in poultry, seafood, meats, turkey, hams and dairy and egg products causing sickness. Some common symptoms of a foodborne

illness are vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and fever. To help prevent becoming sick this holiday season follow the following safety tips.

- Thaw frozen food items in the refrigerator and not at room temperature.
- Allow turkey to thaw one day for every 5 lbs of weight.
- When cooking, ensure the internal temperature of the turkey reaches at least 180 degrees. Any pink, rubbery meat or pink juices is an indication that the turkey is not done.

- Cook all meats thoroughly and check internal temperature with a meat thermometer
- Place leftovers in small containers and immediately refrigerate. Do not place leftovers in large containers or leave out on the counter to cool since big containers take longer to cool to safe temperatures. Cool all foods in a refrigerator to minimize bacterial growth.
- Use a different knife and cutting board for cutting vegetables and raw meats. This will prevent cross-contamination
- Last, but not least wash your hands!

# MOVIES



## Randolph Movie Theater

652-3278  
Adults - \$3.50  
Children (11 yrs. and under) \$1.75



**“Happy Feet”**  
Saturday and Sunday – Noon  
Savion Glover, Elijah Wood  
Rated PG, 87 min  
Set deep in Antarctica and into the land of Emperor Penguins, where each needs a heart song to attract a soul mate, a penguin is born who cannot sing. Our hero Mumble, son of Memphis and Norma Jean, is the worst singer in the world – however, as it happens, he is a brilliant tap dancer!

**“Let’s go to Prison”**  
Saturday, 3 p.m.  
Dax Shepard, Will Arnett  
Rated R, 84 min  
When a career criminal’s plan for revenge is thwarted by unlikely circumstances, he puts his intended victim’s son in his place by putting him in prison...and then joining him.



**“Stranger than Fiction”**  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
Will Ferrell, Maggie Gyllenhaal  
Rated PG-13, 113 min  
A novelist, struggling to complete her latest book, has to find a way to kill off the main character, Harold Crick. But Harold Crick is alive in the real world, and is suddenly aware of her words. Fiction and reality collide when Harold realizes he must find a way to change the book’s ending.





# Diet, exercise tips for a healthy holiday

*Randolph fitness, health experts say plan ahead for the season*

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Going to party after party indulging in cookies, cakes, candies and other fatty holiday treats doesn't do much for a person's waist line.

For those people who don't want to wear elastic-waist pants this holiday season, the Health and Wellness Center's fitness, diet and health experts offer some helpful holiday advice.

"The main thing people can do to stay fit during the holidays is to plan ahead," said Kimberly Houk, HAWC exercise physiologist. "We all know in general terms how we act during the holidays, whether it's overindulgence in food or less physical activity.

"So know yourself. Know what you normally do and make different choices to help you either achieve a healthier holiday or maintain the healthier habits that you already follow."

"Be prepared to exercise a little bit more and eat a little bit less," she said.

One of the biggest areas people stray in during the holidays is unhealthy eating and portion control, said Staff Sgt. Wayne Tyrell, a diet therapy technician at the HAWC.

"Each person's daily caloric budget is different," he said. "It's just a matter of balancing that intake among the various food groups and doing so wisely."

"For example, a person on a 2,000 calorie-a-day intake could eat six ounces of grain such as a slice of bread or cup of dried cereal, two and a half cups of vegetables, two cups of fruit, three cups of dairy, five and a half ounces of meat and four to six teaspoons of oils or fat," he said.

People should make at least half their grain intake whole grains, eat a variety of vegetables and choose fresh fruits, fat free or low fat dairy products and a variety of lean meats, he said. The serving size for a piece of meat should be about the size of a deck of playing cards.

People should also use oils and fats sparingly, said Sergeant Tyrell.

To help prevent weight gain during the holiday, Sergeant Tyrell encourages people to grab a quick healthy snack prior to heading out to a party or visit.

"This way you won't be famished when you get there and overindulge," he said.

People should also determine how much they can eat at the beginning of the day and budget their day's calorie intake accordingly.

"Bring a healthy dish with you to the event and eat from it and any other healthy dishes there," he said. "Also limit or avoid things that are creamy, crispy or fried and take sauces on the side."

For those people who like to bake during the holidays, Sergeant Tyrell suggests using canned apple sauce or plums in cake and pie recipes instead of butter, oil or margarine, substituting skim milk for regular and using nonfat yogurt in place of sour cream.

"Bakers could also try topping cakes with fresh fruits and fruit sauces instead of frosting," he said. "Also try reducing the

amount of chocolate chips, nuts and fats (oils) in recipes or avoiding them all together. People may not even miss them."

Ms. Houk added that cereal type snacks and mixes are also a good alternative to candies and chocolates as are fruit-based desserts such as fruit salad, jello-type desserts and fruit pies as opposed to cakes, cookies and pastries.

The other key aspect to combat weight gain during the holidays is exercise, said Ms. Houk.

"It's important to plan ahead and make exercise part of your family holiday routine," she said. "Know the environment you'll be in and what type of activities you'll be able to do.

"Will there be a chance to take walks? Is there a nearby mall to walk in? Does your family have a fitness center membership that allows guests such as those family and friends visiting from out of town?"

Ms. Houk suggests finding an activity the entire family can enjoy such as hiking, walking, playing in a nearby park, miniature golf or snow-based fun, if possible, such as sledding, making snow angels or snow ball fights.

"Being active as much as possible is key," she said.

Ms. Houk suggests people do a cardiovascular activity at least three days a week for 30 minutes or more to maintain the fitness-level they achieved prior to the holiday season.

"More is better, but three is a definite minimum to shoot for," she said. "Four days a week leads to fitness improvement and five days a week is more toward weight loss."

The exercise physiologist suggests people do any

cardiovascular activity that is enjoyable, yet a bit challenging to the body, such as walking, jogging, running, cycling, roller-blading or equipment-based activities such as tread mills, stair steppers, elliptical machines and rowing machines.

For those interested in strength training, Ms. Houk recommends weight lifting 2-3 days a week per muscle group.

"One day a week will maintain strength and mass and two to three days a week will improve it," she said.

People should also do stretching and flexibility training 2-3 days a week in addition to stretching major muscle groups after every exercise session for about five to ten minutes, she added.

Dr. Suzy Harrington, HAWC health education program manager added in addition to eating right and exercising people should also get plenty of rest, drink responsibly and avoid tobacco products.

"Remember 0-0-1-3 this holiday," she said. That means 0 drinking and driving, 0 underage drinking and 1 drink per hour with a total of 3 drinks a night; and if you use tobacco, a great New Year's resolution would be to quit."

The HAWC offers a variety of classes that teach people more about good nutrition and fitness to include Weigh to Win, Family Nutrition and Fitness Series, Healthy Heart and Tobacco Cessation. To sign up for a class or for more information, call 652-2964.

## Fast Facts for Healthier Recipes

The following tips can help lower a person's calorie intake:

- Replacing one cup of sugar with sugar substitute in baked goods saves more than 750 calories.
- Using whole wheat flour in baked goods instead of enriched white flour saves 77 calories. If that's too different, try using half and half.
- Cooking with skim milk instead of whole milk or two percent saves up to 70 calories.
- Using egg substitute or egg whites instead of eggs saves 60 calories and 238 mg of cholesterol.
- Dividing the regular mayonnaise called for in chip dips by half and replacing it with reduced fat sour cream saves 1,300 calories and 150 grams of fat.

Courtesy of [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com)

### Jewish Apple Cake

2-1/3 cup sugar substitute  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup egg substitute  
1/3 cup orange juice  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 lg. apples, peeled, thinly sliced

Combine 1/3 cup sugar substitute and ground cinnamon; set aside. Combine flour, 2 cups sugar substitute, baking powder and salt in medium mixing bowl. Stir in oil, eggs, orange juice and vanilla until well blended. Spoon half of batter into well-sprayed 12 cup Bundt cake pan. Spread half of the apple slices over batter. Sprinkle with half of the sugar-cinnamon mixture. Repeat layers. Bake at 350° for 60-65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 10 minutes. Carefully remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 16 servings.  
Nutritional Information - Fat: 15 grams - Carbohydrates: 36 grams - Protein: 4 grams - Calories: 299    Recipe by [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com)

### Chocolate Fudge

1-1/2 cups sugar substitute  
2/3 cup evaporated 2% milk  
2 tablespoons stick butter  
1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups miniature marshmallows  
1-1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar substitute, evaporated milk, butter and salt in a medium size heavy saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Boil and stir 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate chips and vanilla until completely melted and smooth. Pour mixture into foil-lined 8-inch square pan. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm to the touch. Remove foil from pan and fudge. Cut into squares. Makes 50 servings.  
Nutritional Information - Fat: 3.2 grams - Carbohydrates: 10.4 grams - Protein: 0.8 grams - Calories: 73  
Recipe by [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com)

### Pumpkin Cheesecake

2 (8 oz.) pkgs. light cream cheese  
3/4 cup sugar substitute  
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree (or fresh sugar pumpkin)  
1-1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 cup egg substitute  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 prepared 8 inch pastry shells

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) Beat together the cream cheese and sugar, add the pumpkin and the spices. Beat in egg substitute. Add salt. Beat until creamy. Pour the batter evenly into the two pastry shells. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes or until the knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool then top with light whipped topping, if desired. Makes 16 servings.

Nutritional Information - Fat: 6 grams - Carbohydrates: 13 grams - Protein: 4 grams - Calories: 115  
Recipe by [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com)



# New park honors Randolph heritage

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Ground was broken Dec. 8 in the old east Wherry housing area for what will become a new Randolph park.

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, lifted the first symbolic shovel of dirt in a ceremony to mark the beginning of one of the first features people will see when they drive onto the base at the main gate.

Construction began to prepare the ground for the park that will focus on the proud heritage of the base. A contest is planned to name the park and a bronze marker will be set in formal ceremonies at the time of the 2007 Air Show in November.

The nine-acre park will include a pavilion, public

restrooms, and a half-mile walking path complete with benches. Initially, there will be parking for 90 cars. Provision is also made for a future 400-person, open-air amphitheater, along with additional parking to accommodate the anticipated crowds. The base had an amphitheater on 5th Street East, across from the base operations building, during the 1930s.

Although not yet funded, the plan is for the park to feature a collection of aircraft models representing various aircraft that have been stationed here since the base opened in 1930.

The aircraft and any statuary on the site will be made of composite materials or bronze to minimize the cost of maintenance. The concept is for various contributors to donate the models to honor specific parts of our heritage, Col. Clark said.

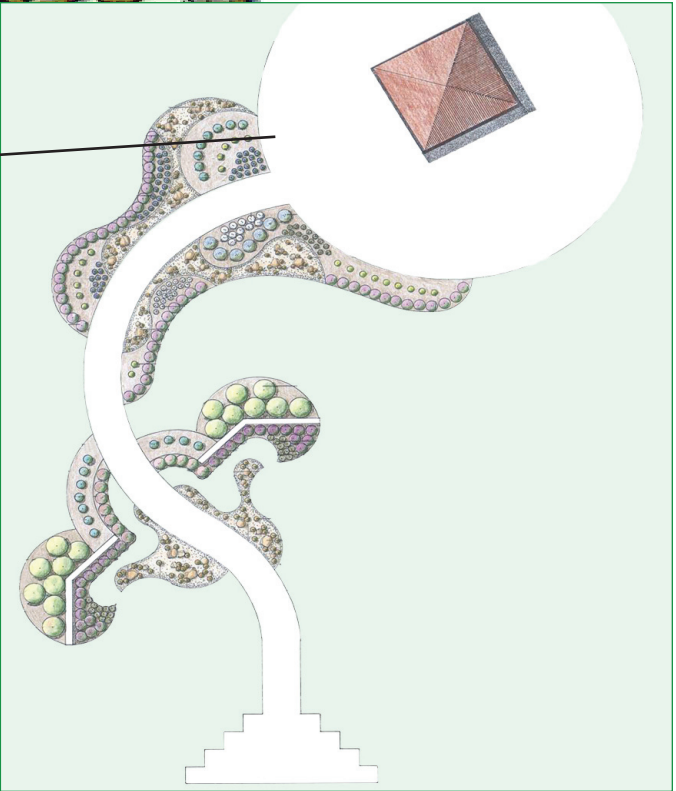
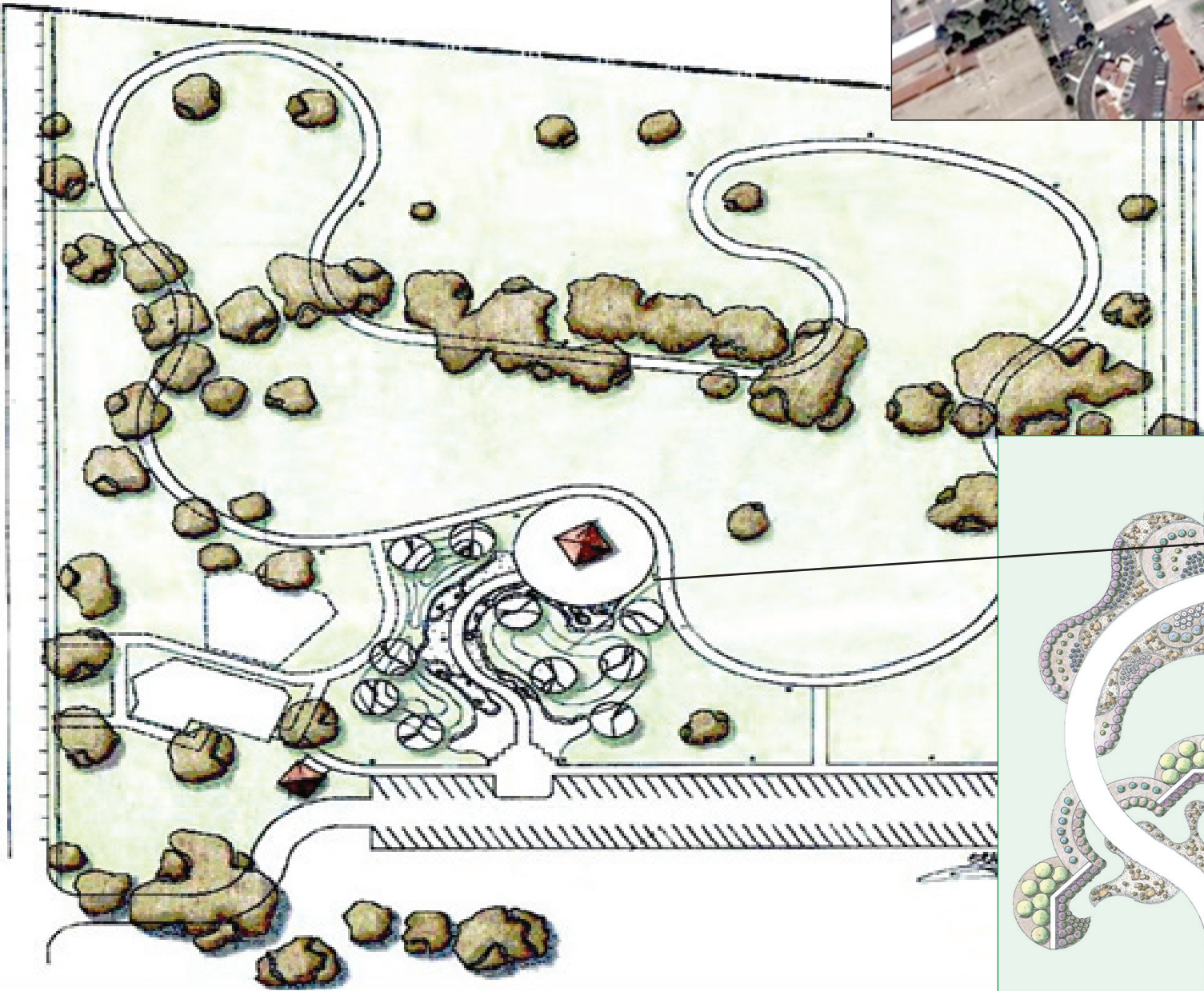
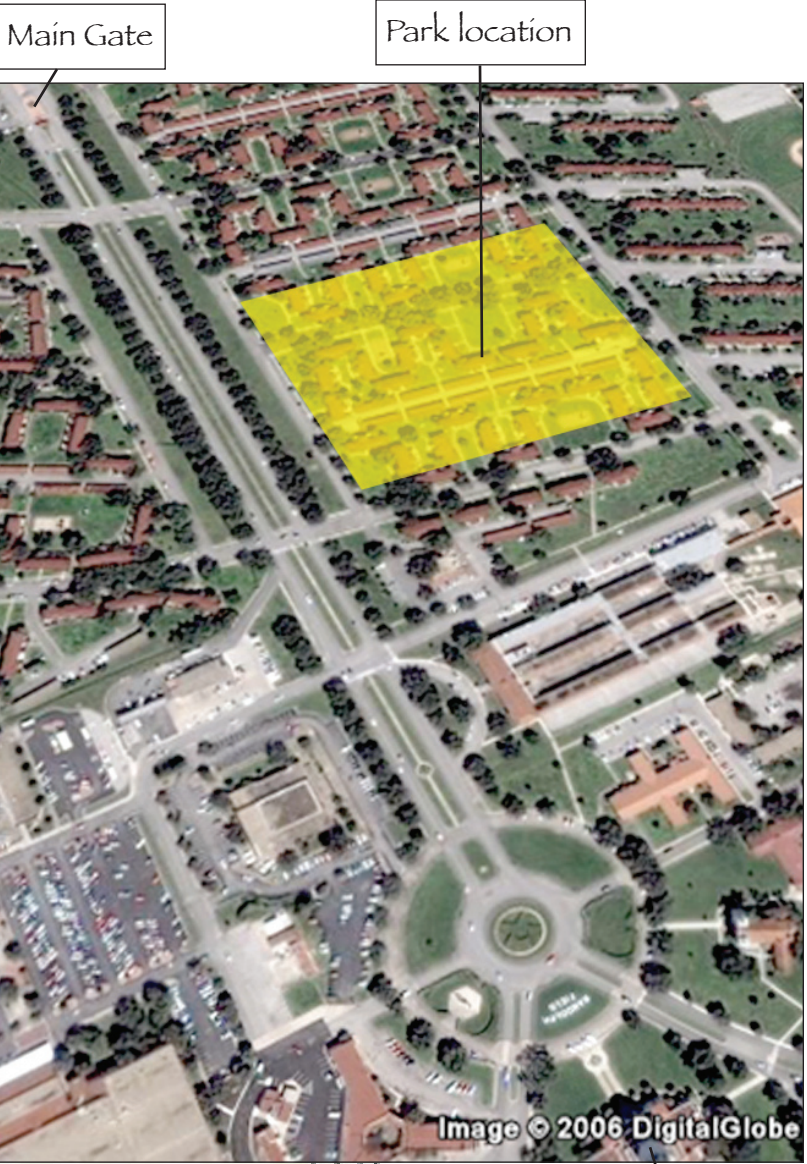
John Howry, the base landscape architect, has laid

out detailed plans for plantings of species native to south Texas and decorative rockwork to blend with the many trees that now grace the area. The \$1.4 million budgeted to this point will pay for site preparation, roadways and parking, lighting, irrigation, landscaping and buildings. This phase of the project is planned for completion by the middle of April.

"The real source for the concept of the park came from Col. Clark," said Richard Trevino, base civil engineer. "He emphasized the need to recognize the fantastic heritage represented by this base. It was originally known as the West Point of the Air and has become the showplace of the Air Force. This park will be a focal point for displays and events that connect the past with us and point us toward the future."

## ⌘ Park Features ⌘

- Landscaped park entrance with dedication monument
- Covered pavilion with memorial plaque
- Half-mile walking trail through mature trees
- Sufficient land for placement of static displays presenting life size, composite models of aircraft with bronze pedestals depicting the history of Randolph, the 12th Flying Training Wing and current AETC aircraft
- Amphitheater planned during second phase of construction



Proposed park layout

Detail of park entrance



# Home Stretch

## New base fitness center nears completion

*Team Randolph members can expect a grand opening of the new fitness center in February. Crews are currently moving more than 200 pieces of cardiovascular and weight lifting equipment into the facility to accompany the four group exercise rooms and indoor running track. The Health and Wellness Center will also be housed in the facility and will have 4,700 square feet of space including a demo kitchen and training room. Parking at the new center will also be more abundant, with more than 200 spaces available to customers.*



The new base fitness center includes a one-eighth of a mile elevated indoor running track that oversees the basketball courts. (Photos by Don Lindsey)



The new center will house more than 200 pieces of cardiovascular and weight equipment.



The new juice bar will seat more than double the customers of the old bar.



The fitness center houses two pro-sized basketball and volleyball courts base patrons can use for recreational play and intramural and extramural sports.



A 24-foot climbing wall has been installed in the main area of the center.



# SERVICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Child care licensing

Air Force Instruction 34-276 prohibits the use of family quarters for family child care unless officially licensed. The 12th Mission Support Group Commander is the licensing authority. Additionally, unlicensed family child care providers must not advertise in base publications or post advertisements on base bulletin boards.

If someone you know is providing child care on base without a license, please contact the Family Child Care Office at 652-3668. The Family Child Care logo displayed at family quarters identifies the homes of licensed providers.

## LODGING

### 652-1844

### Lodging available

Customers can reserve rooms at Randolph Lodging for families and friends visiting over the holiday.

For availability and rates, call 652-1844.

## YOUTH CENTER

### 652-2088

### Instructional Classes

The youth center has openings in the following classes: gymnastics, advanced tumbling for ages 3-5, Mommy and Me tumbling for ages 18 months-3 years, piano, guitar, and jazz, tap and ballet dance classes for children 3 and above.

The youth center is also seeking interested youth who would like to take clarinet lessons. For more information, contact Karon Letcher or Chris Fussell at 652-2088/3298.

## ENLISTED CLUB

### 652-3056

### Appreciation party

The enlisted club hosts a bingo appreciation party Thursday. A complimentary dinner is offered.

### New Year’s party

The enlisted club hosts a New Year’s party at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31 in the Ballroom with a buffet served until 9 p.m. The Texas Chili Peppers will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price is \$52.95 for members, \$62.95 for nonmembers and includes champagne throughout the night, two beverages, party favors and a breakfast buffet.

The Nite Club opens at 9 p.m., with light hors d’oeuvres served until 10:30 p.m. and a breakfast buffet at 12:05 a.m. Nitelife will provide the entertainment. The price is \$29.95 for members and \$39.95 for nonmembers and includes champagne throughout the night, two beverages, party favors and a breakfast buffet.

Tickets are available now for members and will be available for all others Tuesday.

Customers may make lodging reservations along with party reservations. The cost per room is \$23.25.

### Bingo specials

- Bingo is offered Monday to Thursday at 7 p.m. in the ballroom.

## Christmas & New Year’s Holiday Hours

<b>Closed Dec. 24 - 26</b> Arts & Craft Center Auto Skills Center Child Development Center Annex Child Development Center Family Child Care Office Human Resources Office Information, Tickets and Travel/Equipment Checkout LibraryWood Skills Center Veterinary Clinic <b>Airmen Dining Facility</b> Dec. 24 – Brunch 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dinner 4 – 6 p.m. Dec. 25 – Breakfast 7 – 8 a.m., Lunch noon – 5 p.m. Dec. 26 – Brunch 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dinner 4 – 6 p.m. <b>Bowling Center</b> Dec. 24 and 25 – Closed Dec. 26 – 1 – 9 p.m. <b>Canyon Lake</b> Dec. 24 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dec. 25 – Closed Dec. 26 – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. <b>Enlisted Club</b> Dec. 24 Lounge – Noon – 6 p.m. Cashier Cage - Noon to 6 p.m. Admin Office – Closed Dining Room - Closed Dec. 25 - Closed	<b>Dec. 26</b> Cashier Cage - Noon to 8 p.m. Dining Room - Closed Admin Office - Closed Lounge – Noon – 10 p.m. <b>Fitness Center</b> Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 – Closed Dec. 26 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. <b>Golf Course</b> Dec. 24 - 8 a.m. shotgun start Snack Bar - Closed Pro Shop – Closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 25 - Closed Dec 26 – 6 a.m. – Dusk <b>Library</b> Dec. 24 – 26 - Closed Dec. 27-29 - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. <b>Officers’ Club</b> Dec. 24 Lounge – Closed Cashier Cage - Closed Admin Office – Closed Dining Room – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dec. 25 and 26 - Closed <b>Skeet Range</b> Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dec. 25 – Closed Dec. 26 – Noon – 3 p.m. <b>Youth Center</b> Dec. 24 and 25 – Closed Dec. 26 – 1 – 6 p.m.
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- Big Bucks Bingo is offered Sundays at 3 p.m.

### Nite Club Patio special

Customers can enjoy \$2 food and drink specials Tuesdays at the Nite Club patio.

## OFFICERS’ CLUB

### 652-4864

### Santa visit

Santa is visiting the officers’ club Sunday during brunch, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Holiday closure

The officers’ club closes Monday and will reopen Dec. 30.

### New Year’s event

Tickets are on sale now for the officers’ club’s New Year’s party in the ballroom at 7 p.m on Dec. 31. The Ked Parrock Orchestra will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price is \$60.95 for members, \$65.95 for nonmembers and includes a dinner buffet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., open bar, champagne at midnight, breakfast buffet and party favors.

A Twist of Fate will perform in the Sky Lounge from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price for members is \$40.95, \$45.95 for nonmembers and includes assorted heavy hors d’ouvres; open bar, champagne at midnight, breakfast buffet and party favors.

Lodging reservations may also be made at the same time as party reservations. The cost per room is \$27.

## Information, Tickets & Travel

### 652-5640

### Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office hosts a trip to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana Jan. 23 - 24, 2007. Tour includes round trip transportation, hotel accommodations

and a tour guide.

Bus departs Jan. 23 at 8 a.m. and returns Jan. 24 at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 for double occupancy or \$98 for single occupancy.

Sign up at the equipment checkout office.

### Entertainment Books

Customers can purchase a 2007 San Antonio Entertainment Book for \$20.

The book includes hundreds of coupons for local restaurants, hotels, attractions and other services.

## ARTS and CRAFTS CENTER

### 652-2788

### Craft classes

The arts and crafts center offers the following two and four-session classes from 6–8 p.m.: beaded jewelry, Jan. 16 and 18; quilting, Jan. 3, 9, 16 and 23; framing, Jan. 9 and16, 23 and 30.

A three-session painting class will be held Jan. 3, 10 and 17 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 652-2788.

### Instructors needed

The arts and crafts center is in need of instructors to teach classes such as floral arranging, painting and sewing. Those interested in teaching a craft they specialize in, call 652-2788.

### Framing

Framers are available at the arts and crafts center to help customers create custom frames for pictures or certificates.

## WOOD SKILLS CENTER

### 652-7422

### Woodworking class

The wood skills center offers a two-session beginner’s woodworking class Jan. 9 and 16 from 6-8 p.m. Participants will get certified on the equipment in the facility. The class costs \$35 plus

supplies. Deadline to sign up is one week prior to the class.

### Parent and Child class

Parents and children can build various crafts every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. The class costs \$5.

To register, call 652-7422.

## BOWLING CENTER

### 652-6271

### Saturday fun

The bowling center is open Saturday and Dec. 30, from noon to midnight with open bowling from noon to 7 p.m. and Thunder Alley music and light show from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Thunder Alley bowling for both nights is \$2 per person, per game and \$1 for shoe rental.

### New Year’s party

The bowling center will open for an adult-only party Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. There will be three games of colorama bowling with cash prizes from 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne for each person to toast in 2007 and breakfast afterwards.

To make reservations, call 652-6271.

### Bowling special

Customers can bowl for \$1.75 per game, per person, Jan. 1 from 1-9 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.

### Unit functions

The bowling center is available for unit functions Fridays beginning at 1:30 p.m. Contact the center for reservations and pricing.

## AUTO SKILLS CENTER

### 652-2952

### Maintenance class

The auto skills center offers a two-session automotive maintenance class Jan. 9 and 16 from 6–8 p.m.

Participants will learn to change oil, rotate tires and complete brake maintenance.

The class costs \$35 plus supplies.

The deadline to sign up is one week prior to the class.

## CANYON LAKE

### 1-800-280-3466

### December rental special

Customers can rent a shelter for half price through December.

The shelter is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, full-size bed, bunk beds, air conditioning, heating, and a bathroom with a shower.

### Fishing

The Canyon Lake fishing pier is open 24 hours a day. Customers can bring a fishing pole or rent equipment from the marina store during business hours.

### Boater Safety

The Texas Parks and Wildlife sanctioned Boater’s Course is offered daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Canyon Lake and the first and third Wednesday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. on base at Bldg. 1139.



